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Please amend claim 46 as set forth below.

46. An isolated nucleic acid molecule hybridizing under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid identical to SEQ ID No: 1, and encoding functional v-IL-6.

REMARKS

As suggested by the Examiner during a telephone conference on June 19, 2003, applicants amend claim 46 and have cancelled claims 50 and 51.

Reconsideration and allowance earnestly are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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46. An isolated nucleic acid molecule [prepared by recombinant expression,]
hybridizing under stringent conditions to the nucleic acid identical to SEQ ID No: 1, and
[as claimed in claim 44,[encoding functional v-IL-6], wherein the nucleic acid encodes
functional v-IL-6].